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Chief Executive Officer

March 25, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUDITOR CONTROLLER: APPOINTMENT AND SALARY FOR ACTING DEPARTMENT HEAD (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the appointment of Wendy Watanabe to serve as Acting Auditor Controller effective April 1, 2008, and until such time that a permanent Director is appointed by your Board.
2. Approve a salary adjustment for Wendy Watanabe to an annual salary of \$187,240, effective with her appointment as acting Auditor Controller, April 1, 2008, and throughout the period she serves as Acting Auditor Controller.
3. Instruct the Director of Personnel to conduct a nationwide executive search to identify qualified candidates for the position of Auditor Controller.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Mr. J. Tyler McCauley, the current Auditor Controller, has announced his intention to retire from County service effective March 31, 2008. To ensure the duties and responsibilities of this position are carried out during the recruitment period and to ensure that this position is filled in an efficient and expeditious manner, we request that your Board approve this recommendation.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of these recommendations will further the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan's Workforce Excellence Goal to enhance the quality and productivity of the County workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost will be absorbed in the Auditor Controller's budget. The recommended salary reflects a 5.5 percent increase for Ms. Watanabe while she is performing these duties.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Mr. McCauley is retiring March 31, 2008, and selection of his permanent replacement will not be made by that time. As such, an acting appointment is needed. As the department's Chief Deputy, Ms. Watanabe is ready and able to serve in that capacity.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Implementation of this recommendation will provide leadership for the Department of Auditor Controller pending the selection of a permanent Auditor Controller.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Personnel